

AAMVA Legislative/Regulatory Alert

To: Chief Motor Vehicle Officials

FR: Ian Grossman, Vice President of Member Services and Public Affairs

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RE: AAMVA Publishes Real ID Certification Package Templates

In an effort to assist jurisdiction members submitting Real ID certification packages to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or jurisdictions who desire to update DHS on improvements to license security as it relates to using the license for Federal ID purposes, AAMVA has created two templates for member use. These templates are based on certification packages already submitted by states to DHS, and are meant to help guide others in developing state-specific responses.

The first template is for states intending to comply with REAL ID. It consists of a checklist detailing the original 39 benchmarks towards compliance with Real ID and is intended for those jurisdictions that have made significant progress towards achieving those milestones. States choosing this template need not have met *all* the benchmarks listed, but should denote their plans towards compliance where applicable.

The second template is meant for states who do not intend to comply with the Act, but wish to submit their progress toward a more secure driver's license and identification card credential so that those documents can be certified by DHS for "official purposes" such as boarding an aircraft and entering federal buildings (whether the state plans to comply with the Act or not).

Based on AAMVA's discussions with DHS, all jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to submit an update on their efforts to improve the security and integrity of state issued credentials. Regardless of a state's intention to comply or not to comply with REAL ID, educating the Secretary on the advancements made by individual states to improve the security and integrity of their driver license is a critical step to minimizing the potential disruptions to travel and other citizen interactions that rely on the driver's license as a primary form of identification.

Certification packages and letters should be addressed and sent to Secretary Napolitano as indicated in the salutation of the template. All submissions should copy **both** DHS Director of the Office of State-Issued ID Support, Selden Biggs at Selden.Biggs@HQ.DHS.GOV and Ted Sobel, DHS Office of Policy and Screening Coordination Office at Ted.Sobel@HQ.DHS.GOV. AAMVA would also welcome receiving a copy so we can keep an inventory of submissions. Questions regarding the templates and copies of submissions can be directed to AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at ccashin@aamva.org or (703) 908-8276.